

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  INTERSTATE POWER COMPANY AND MAQUOKETA VALLEY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	DOCKET NO. SPU-99-17
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**ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR MODIFICATION  
OF SERVICE AREA BOUNDARY**

(Issued June 25, 1999)

On May 14, 1999, Interstate Power Company (Interstate) and Maquoketa Valley Rural Electric Cooperative (Maquoketa) filed a joint petition for modification of service area boundaries pursuant to IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-20.3(9) (1999). Interstate and Maquoketa request the Board transfer to Interstate the service territory in Section 11, Township 88 North, Range 1 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Dubuque County, described as follows:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section 11, Township 88 North, Range 1 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Dubuque County, Iowa, thence South to the Half line of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of said section, thence East to the west margin of town road, Bierman Road, thence North along the west margin of said road to the North section line of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section 11, thence west to the point of beginning, all in last named township and range.

Interstate and Maquoketa request the Board transfer to Maquoketa the service territory in Section 11, Township 88 North, Range 1 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Dubuque County, described as follows:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section 11, Township 88 North, Range 1 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., Dubuque County, Iowa, thence West to the east margin of town road, Bierman Road, thence South along the east margin of said road to the Southwest corner of the East Half (E1/2) of the East Half (E1/2) of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of Section 11, thence East to the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of said section, thence North to the point of beginning, all in last named township and range.

In support of the petition, Interstate and Maquoketa state a developer has requested service in the Northeast Quarter (NE¼) of the Southeast Quarter (SE¼) of Section 11. The site is located in Interstate's exclusive service territory. According to Interstate and Maquoketa, Interstate would need to build a distribution facility to serve the site. Maquoketa has distribution facilities adjacent to the proposed service area. IES would be able to serve the customer off of an existing line. In addition, Interstate has a line in close proximity to the parcel Maquoketa proposes to transfer to Interstate. Any future development in this area would also create duplication of facilities and could necessitate a boundary modification. IOWA CODE § 476.25 (1999) provides in pertinent part:

Contracts between electric utilities to designate service areas and customers to be served by the electric utility or for the exchange of customers between electric utilities, when approved by the board, shall be valid and enforceable and shall be incorporated into the appropriate exclusive service areas established pursuant to

subsection 1 of this section. The board shall approve a contract if it finds that the contract will eliminate or avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities, will provide adequate electric service to all areas and customers affected, will promote the efficient and economical use and development of the electric systems of the contracting electric utilities, and is in the public interest.

The Board will grant the Interstate and Maquoketa joint petition for modification of service area boundaries effective with the issuance of this order, subject to complaint or investigation. Interstate and Maquoketa have alleged facts which establish the proposed modification is in the public interest, will prevent unnecessary duplication of facilities, provide adequate electric service to all customers affected, and will promote the efficient and economical use of electrical systems, pursuant to IOWA CODE § 476.25 (1999). Additionally, customers of Interstate and Maquoketa will not be directly affected by the modification.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

The joint petition for modification of service area boundaries filed by Interstate Power Company and Maquoketa Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. on May 14, 1999, is granted to the extent discussed in the body of this order.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.      /s/ Diane Munns  
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1999.